



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 13, 2015 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 7, 2015 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Minutes of the meeting held December 30, 2014 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 30, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

The chairman asked if there was any other old business; there was none.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Nuss there being no further old business, to adjourn the business meeting for the year 2014, Sine Die. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Deb Karnatz to act as Temporary Chairman. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Ballots were spread for election of the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors with the following results: Nuss 4, Fintel 1, and Shaw 1. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw that the informal ballot be made formal and declare Todd Nuss Chairman for the year 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt and Johnson; abstain: Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Ballots were spread for election of the Vice-Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors with the following results: Fintel 5 and Schmidt 1. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson that the informal ballot be made formal and declare Ivan Fintel Vice Chairman for the year 2015. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; abstain: Fintel; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken by the newly elected Chairman to commence business for the 2015 year showing the following present: Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

The board discussed the various governing boards they are on. They decided they will all stay on the boards they are currently on.



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Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to keep the governing board appointments the same as 2014: Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc., Eric Samuelson with Ivan Fintel as alternate; Midland Area Agency on Aging, Michael Anderson with Gerald Schmidt as alternate; Region III Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Ivan Fintel with Todd Nuss as alternate; Trailblazer RC&D, Bruce Rumsey with Gary Johnson as alternate; County Board representative serving on the Clay County Health Governing Board, Dick Shaw serving a 3 year term (1-14 to 1-17) with Todd Nuss as alternate; County Board members serving on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), Todd Nuss & Gary Johnson; South Heartland District Health Board member representing the County Board, Eric Samuelson 3 year term (4-15 to 4-18) with Gerald Schmidt as alternate. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator was asked if she would be willing to continue to serve on the South Central Economic Development District board. Barb is the chairman of that board and would like to continue serving.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to appoint Barb Barnett to represent Clay County on the South Central Economic Development District board with Gerald Schmidt as alternate for the year 2015. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to appoint Deb Karnatz as NIRMA contact person for 2015. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Designation of the broadcast media for Clay County was discussed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to designate KHAS and KKOP radio stations and KSNBC Nebraska TV station as licensed broadcast media for 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; abstain: Anderson; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Anderson to designate the Clay County News as the county's official newspaper for 2015. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to designate the Clay County website as an additional method of publishing notice of meetings of the Board of Supervisors; other departments may use this method at their discretion. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

The board signed the Annual Report of County Officers, Signatures and Seals as requested by the Secretary of State.

The Treasurer submitted a list of banks that are available to hold the deposits and CD's for Clay County. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw that the following banks be named as holding agencies for county funds for the year 2015: Cornerstone Bank and First Bank & Trust, both of Clay Center; Cornerstone Bank and Astra Bank, both of Sutton; Cornerstone Bank of Harvard; Guide Rock State Bank (Edgar Branch) of Edgar;



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Pinnacle Bank of Fairfield and Cornerstone Bank of Glenvil. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney stepped in to update the board on the two TERC hearings that were rescheduled and the hearing for the Inheritance Tax appeal that is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> in Omaha.

The semi-annual statement from the County Treasurer was reviewed. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to accept the semi-annual statement from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 as presented by the County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to re-appoint Thomas Roemmich II, as Highway Superintendent for the year 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, reported on box culverts and bridge work. Tom told the board that he did not sign the contracts with CAT for servicing equipment because he had misunderstood the agreement and it would end up costing quite a bit more per machine. CAT will come and service the equipment as needed. Tom discussed when to have the hearing for the 1 & 6 year road plan and advertising for gravel bids.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to advertise the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to be held on February 10, 2015 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Anderson to advertise for gravel bids to supply gravel for the county roads for the year 2015; bids to be opened on Feb. 17, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Tom presented a list of projects that were completed in 2014 and proposed projects for 2015. A list of equipment that he would like to purchase was also presented and discussed.

Jeff Franklin, Mike Carroll and Linda Whiting met with the board for their planning/work session.

The contract with Stanard Appraisal was presented by the County Assessor. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to approve the contract between the Clay County Assessor and Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. and authorize the chairman to sign the contract. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to recess as the Board of Supervisors at 11:42 A.M. and enter into session as the Weed Control Board. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.



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Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to re-appoint Bruce Rumsey as the Weed Superintendent for 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Copies of the Activity Report for 2014, the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2015, Infestation Report, Budget Report and the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List were passed out to the board for their review. Bruce went over the reports and answered questions. The Weed Control Plan covered the information for the work/planning session.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to recess at 11:57 A.M. as the Weed Control Board and resume session as the Board of Supervisors. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to approve the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of December 2014: County Clerk \$4,607.70; County Court \$8,558.58; Clerk of District Court \$51,700.91; County Treasurer receipts numbered from 14120001 through 14120066 in the amount of \$229,531.80 and Sheriff's fees for November 2014 \$1,332.31. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Samuelson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

The board recessed for lunch. Anderson did not return to the meeting. After lunch, work sessions were held with the following department heads: Joni Skalka, Barb Barnett, Laurie Sheridan, Sharon Lavene, Julie Bergen, Deb Karnatz and Alan Vetter.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Shaw to adjourn this meeting at 2:38 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for January 20, 2015. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; absent: Anderson and Samuelson. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman